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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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Application serial number 09/561,199, filed April 27, 2000 may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants identify this application in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make this statement an official record in this application. However, IT IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED THAT THE APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER AND FILING DATE NOT BE IDENTIFIED ON ANY PATENT ISSUED FROM THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION under MPEP §608C(2) and §608D.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that these references indeed constitute prior art.

This Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-1351 (Order No. PET1P001A).

Respectfully subpritted

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